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SUBJECT: NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

1. ABDELHAQ SAADANI'S APPOINTMENT AS MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA WAS ANNOUNCED MARCH 20, 1975.

2. SAADANI IS ABOUT FIFTY-FIVE. HE HAS SPENT 8 YEARS IN STRASBOURG. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN DIVISION, FOMIN (1965); CULTURAL COUNSELOR, UNESCO DELEGATE, AND SOMETIMES CHARGE IN PARIS (1960-62); AND CHARGE IN LONDON (1962-65). PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT, HE WAS SERVING AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CONSULAR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOMIN, A JOB WHICH APPEARED TO INTEREST HIM VERY LITTLE.

3. SAADANI'S GOOD FAMILY CONNECTIONS GO BACK TO THE CITY OF FES, BASTION OF ARAB (VERSUS BERBER) ELITISM, CULTURE, AND LEARNING. MR. SAADANI IS NOT UNAWARE OF HIS ORIGINS. HE IS A PLEASANT AND GRACIOUS MAN, OF AMENABLE MIEN TO AMERICANS, BUT WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL CUT A DYNAMIC FIGURE ON THE NEW DELHI DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT. HE SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH THOUGH HE IS FLUENT IN FRENCH.

4. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SHORTLY AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, LALLA MALIKA, A FORMER TEACHER OF CLASSICAL ARABIC

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AT THE ROYAL PALACE. HER PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS ARABIC, BACKED UP BY

SOME FRENCH. THIS IS HER FIRST SOJOURN OUTSIDE MOROCCO.
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